

**From:** [Richner, Donald - HHS](#)  
**To:** [Moore, Gary](#)  
**Subject:** RE: CES update  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 13, 2015 10:44:15 AM

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Gary,

Thanks

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**From:** Moore, Gary [mailto:Moore.Gary@epa.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 13, 2015 10:26 AM

**To:** Richner, Donald - HHS

**Cc:** James, Daisy - HHS

**Subject:** Re: CES update

**Don:**

**Here is the update that you requested:**

**CES Environmental Services, Inc.**

**The EPA mobilized to the Site on September 3, 2014 and began addressing the wastes and spills located on site.**

**As of January 12, the EPA Team has addressed the following:**

- **Management of storm water:** This is an ongoing activity as rainfall occurs. Contaminated storm water is discharged to the City of Houston sanitary sewer to minimize the release to storm sewers;
- **Removal of Contaminated Sediments/Solids:** This activity has been completed to the point where storm water (after inspection for sheen) can be allowed to be released normally. Silt barriers and oil absorbent boom are in reduce any potential residual contamination;
- **Vacuum Boxes (original):** 11 of 12 Vacuum Boxes (Trustee addressed 2 of the Vacuum Boxes) wastes disposed. All but 1 Vacuum Box has been removed from the site.
- **Roll-Off Boxes (original):** 2 of 2 Roll-Off Boxes (Trustee addressed 1 of the Roll-Off Boxes). All Roll-Off Boxes have been removed from the Site.
- **Frac Tanks (original):** Waste removed from 11 of 12 frac tanks (3 of 12 were originally empty), These frac tanks will continue to be used for the continuing processing of on-site wastes as necessary;
- **Aboveground Storage Tanks (ASTs):** Liquids have been removed from 16 or 23 ASTs.

Awaiting waste acceptance by disposal facility on 7 of 23 ASTs. Sludge removal is currently being conducted on the 16 ASTs that have had liquids removed;

- Main Warehouse Loading Bays: The bays have been cleared of debris and wastes;
- Main Warehouse Waste Water Treatment Area: Secondary containment has been cleaned;
- Totes/Drums/Misc Containers: Have been segregated by empty/non-empty. The empties have been staged for cleaning (pressure washing). Those with contents have been sampled/field analyzed. Data is being consolidated into bulking plan for disposal;
- Waste Piles: Trustee removed wastes dumped to the ground in March 2014 from the theft of 7 roll-off boxes;
- Lab Chemicals/Company Profile Samples: Trustee consolidated and disposed;
- Bulk Process Chemicals: Trustee collected and disposed;

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**From:** Richner, Donald - HHS <[Donald.Richner@houstontx.gov](mailto:Donald.Richner@houstontx.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, January 12, 2015 12:48 PM

**To:** Moore, Gary

**Cc:** James, Daisy - HHS

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Ok,

Look forward to an update when you have time.

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**From:** Moore, Gary [<mailto:Moore.Gary@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Monday, January 12, 2015 12:47 PM

**To:** Richner, Donald - HHS

**Subject:** Re: CES update

In Dallas today in training. Will be in Houston tomorrow.

Gary

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 12, 2015, at 12:39 PM, Richner, Donald - HHS <[Donald.Richner@houstontx.gov](mailto:Donald.Richner@houstontx.gov)> wrote:

Gary,

We are getting council member inquiries about your progress at CES, could you send a brief update.

Thanks

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